

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
(M.O.U.)**

BETWEEN



**THE AFRICA UNION OF ARCHITECTS
(Hereafter AUA)**

AND



**THE ARCHITECTS REGIONAL COUNCIL ASIA
(Hereafter ARCASIA)**

**SIGNED in TOKYO, JAPAN
on 1 October 2011**

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THE AFRICA UNION OF ARCHITECTS (AUA)


and

THE ARCHITECTS REGIONAL COUNCIL ASIA (ARCASIA)

- WHEREAS The Africa Union of Architects, hereinafter called **AUA**, and the Architects Regional Council Asia, hereinafter called **ARCASIA**, having regard to the long standing cooperation that exists between them and to the expressed intention to reinforce this cooperation where and by all means possible;
- WHEREAS **AUA** and **ARCASIA** recognize the need to organize a closer cooperation between them, in search of more coherence and rationalization of resources;
- WHEREAS **AUA** is the Body that represents the architectural profession in **AFRICA** through its member Institutes/Associations;
- WHEREAS **ARCASIA** is the Body that represents the architectural profession in **ASIA** through its member Institutes/Associations;
- WHEREAS both Organizations enjoy their own statutes, bylaws, procedures and also their full independence;
- WHEREAS both Organizations are operating on similar issues from different perspectives and with different legal frameworks;
- NOW THEREFORE, convinced that the reinforced cooperation described in this Memorandum of Understanding will help consolidate actions and efforts in addressing mutual concerns and interests pertaining to architecture, architecture education, research, professional development and professional practice among others;
- LIKEWISE, confident that this cooperation will also help to promote harmonious coordination between the **AUA** and the **ARCASIA**, in relation to their respective decisions and actions and;
- FURTHER MORE having already identified several work areas in which such a rationalization can be sought, in principle, and being aware of the mutual benefit that can result for each of the two Organizations in adopting an approach that allows for the search for more complementarities and synergies to be effectively pursued;

THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS NOW AGREED THE FOLLOWING;

- 1) To rationalize the resources of the Parties in pertinent activities at all levels;

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- 2) To reinforce the capacity for action of the Parties towards third parties; To explore opportunities for joint positions and / or joint actions of the Parties towards third parties;
 - 3) To cooperate in lobbying activities, if and when appropriate.
 - 4) To ensure reciprocal representation at their respective working bodies
 - 5) To share information of mutual interest
 - 6) To work towards further agreements on the following items within the duration of this MOU:
 - a) Education - Exchange Program for students and practitioners
 - b) Professional Practice - Participation of foreign architects
 - c) CPD (Continuing Professional Development) – Research and Development
- AND THAT FINALLY the Parties undertake to establish a closer cooperation between them at political, technical and working levels and that both will strike out details of this cooperation.
- This MOU shall be valid for three (3) years from the date of signing

On behalf of AUA

On behalf of ARCASIA

Ar. Tokumbo OMISORE
President AUA

Ar. George KUNIHURO
President ARCASIA

Witnessed by:

p.o. AUA (office bearer)

ARCASIA (office bearer)

1 October 2011
Tokyo, Japan